

CHAPTER NO. 20

SENATE BILL NO. 520

By Ford, Herron

Substituted for: House Bill No. 641

By Harrison, Favors

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-204, relative to the practice of medicine.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-204, is amended by adding a new subsection (e), and redesignating existing subsections (e) and (f) as (f) and (g):


(e)(1) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a federally qualified health center from employing a physician provided that the employment relationship between the physician and the federally qualified health center is evidenced by a written contract, job description or documentation, containing language which does not restrict the physician from exercising independent medical judgment in diagnosing and treating patients.

(2) For the purposes of this subsection, the term "federally qualified health center" means such entities as defined under Section 1905 and 1861(aa) of the federal Social Security Act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 24, 2005


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 5th day of April 2005


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR